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embodiments, the distance between the regions 14 is identified as a multiple of the distance between stems, such as 10 times the distance between the center of adjacent stems. Thus, for example, when the stems in a region are .05 centimeters apart, the regions can be 0.5 centimeters apart. In other implementations, the regions 14 are 2, 50, 300, or more times the distance between the center of the stems. In some embodiments, the regions 14 may be continuous in one direction such as ribbons running down-web in a zig-zag or straight line configuration.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, this paragraph is also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate the changes made.

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Examples 7-11 demonstrate constructions having various inelastic substrates.

In the Claims

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Please cancel claims 1-10 without prejudice.

Please enter and consider new claims 21- 55 provided below in clean form pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

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21. (New) A web construction comprising:
a web;
a plurality of discrete polymeric regions fused to a first major side of the web; and
a plurality of stems extending from each discrete polymeric region of the plurality of polymeric regions.
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22. (New) A web construction according to claim 21, wherein the web comprises loop structures adapted to lock with the plurality of stems.
23. (New) A web construction according to claim 21, wherein the web comprises an elastic web.
24. (New) A web construction according to claim 21, wherein the web comprises fibrous material.
25. (New) A web construction according to claim 21, wherein the web comprises a porous web.
26. (New) A web construction according to claim 21, wherein the web comprises woven web material.
27. (New) A web construction according to claim 21, wherein the web comprises nonwoven web material.
28. (New) A web construction according to claim 21, wherein the web comprises knit web material.
29. (New) A web construction according to claim 21, wherein the plurality of discrete regions comprises a plurality of stripes extending over the first major side of the web.
30. (New) A web construction according to claim 21, wherein the plurality of discrete regions comprises a plurality of patches on the first major side of the web.

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31. (New) A web construction according to claim 21, wherein the web defines a localized plane, and wherein the plurality of stems are oriented at an angle that is not normal to the localized plane.

32. (New) A web construction according to claim 21, wherein the web defines a localized plane, and wherein the plurality of stems are oriented at an angle that is not normal to the localized plane, and further wherein the plurality of stems are angled in multiple directions.

33. (New) A web construction according to claim 21, wherein the web defines a localized plane, and wherein the plurality of stems are oriented at an angle that is not normal to the localized plane, and further wherein the plurality of stems are angled in the same direction.

34. (New) A web construction according to claim 21, wherein the plurality of discrete regions cover between 1 and 99 percent of the first major side of the web.

35. (New) A web construction according to claim 21, wherein the plurality of discrete regions cover between 20 and 80 percent of the first major side of the web.

36. (New) A web construction according to claim 21, wherein the plurality of discrete regions cover between 5 and 25 percent of the first major side of the web.

37. (New) A web construction according to claim 21, wherein the plurality of discrete regions are separated from one another by an average of approximately 0.05 and 30 centimeters.

38. (New) A web construction according to claim 21, wherein each stem of the plurality of stems comprises a mushroom head.

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39. (New) A web construction according to claim 21, wherein each stem of the plurality of stems comprises a hook.

40. (New) A web construction comprising:
an elastic web;
a plurality of discrete polymeric regions fused to a first major side of the web; and
a plurality of stems extending from each discrete polymeric region of the plurality of polymeric regions, wherein the web defines a localized plane, and wherein the plurality of stems are oriented at an angle that is not normal to the localized plane.

41. (New) A web construction according to claim 40, wherein the web defines a localized plane, and wherein the plurality of stems are oriented at an angle that is not normal to the localized plane, and further wherein the plurality of stems are angled in multiple directions.

42. (New) A web construction according to claim 40, wherein the web defines a localized plane, and wherein the plurality of stems are oriented at an angle that is not normal to the localized plane, and further wherein the plurality of stems are angled in the same direction.

43. (New) A web construction according to claim 40, wherein the plurality of discrete regions comprises a plurality of stripes extending over the first major side of the web.

44. (New) A web construction according to claim 40, wherein the plurality of discrete regions comprises a plurality of patches on the first major side of the web.

45. (New) A web construction according to claim 40, wherein the web comprises loop structures adapted to lock with the plurality of stems.

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46. (New) A web construction according to claim 40, wherein the web comprises fibrous material.

47. (New) A web construction according to claim 40, wherein the web comprises a porous web.

48. (New) A web construction comprising:
an elastic web comprising loop structures;
a plurality of discrete polymeric regions fused to a first major side of the web; and
a plurality of stems extending from each discrete polymeric region of the plurality of polymeric regions, wherein the plurality of stems are adapted to lock with the loop structures of the web.

49. (New) A web construction according to claim 48, wherein the web comprises loop structures adapted to lock with the plurality of stems.

50. (New) A web construction according to claim 48, wherein the web comprises fibrous material.

51. (New) A web construction according to claim 48, wherein the plurality of discrete regions comprises a plurality of stripes extending over the first major side of the web.

52. (New) A web construction according to claim 48, wherein the plurality of discrete regions comprises a plurality of patches on the first major side of the web.

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53. (New) A web construction according to claim 48, wherein the web defines a localized plane, and wherein the plurality of stems are oriented at an angle that is not normal to the localized plane.

54. (New) A web construction according to claim 48, wherein the web defines a localized plane, and wherein the plurality of stems are oriented at an angle that is not normal to the localized plane, and further wherein the plurality of stems are angled in multiple directions.

55. (New) A web construction according to claim 48, wherein the web defines a localized plane, and wherein the plurality of stems are oriented at an angle that is not normal to the localized plane, and further wherein the plurality of stems are angled in the same direction.
